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Some of the 2004 Scholarship recipients at a mid-year gathering at Jenny's Restaurant – (L to R, Dontria Brawner, Wayne Mack, John Thompson, Keith Thompson, Eugenia Norde)

SWNA MEETING

Mon. Jan. 24

The DC Office of Planning is still planning on providing an overview of planning efforts in SW, but will not talk specifically about any project.

SW HERITAGE TRAIL



SW Heritage Trail will open this month. There will be an article on the opening in the March issue. Here is a photo of Marker 10. You are invited to take a self-guided tour – start at the marker which is at Waterfront Mall. For more information, visit www.CulturalTourism.Org or call 202-661-7581

SWNA Looking For Candidates For March Election

New Officers and Members of the Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be elected in open elections Saturday March 20th at Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.

Any resident of Near Southwest (Zip Code 20024) age 18 and up is eligible to vote and to be elected. Write-ins are allowed. To be on the printed ballot a person must be suggested by the nominating committee or nominated from the floor at the Mon. Feb 23rd SWNA meeting.

Call in your suggestions to the nominating committee by contacting Thelma Jones 202/488-3746 or Carole Early 202/488-3355

At the March 19th election everyone

in Southwest can vote for officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer). However, the eight other members of the

Board are elected by their own neighbors who live in each of the four smaller districts.

NOT SURE OF YOUR DISTRICT? CHECK THIS LIST:

DISTRICT 1 North of M Street and west of 4th St, Including: Marinas on Waterfront; Marina View Towers, Waterside Towers and Townhouses, Town Square Towers and townhouses, the Commons.

DISTRICT 2 North of M Street and east of 4th to South Capitol Street, including: 1001 and 1101 3rd St S W, 800 4th St., Capitol Park townhouses, 301 G St., 101-103 G St., 201 Eye St., Greenleaf Annex.

DISTRICT 3 South of M St. and west of Delaware and Canal St and south to

the Anacostia River, including: Ft. McNair, Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Capitol Square, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park apartments and townhouses, Carrollsburg Condominiums, St. James Mutual Homes.

DISTRICT 4 south of M Street and east of Delaware and Canal St., including Greenleaf, Greenleaf Seniors, James Creek, Syphax Gardens, Tel-Court, and townhouses on Carrollsburg Place, Howison, Half St., 1st St, 2nd St., N, O, P, and Q Streets.

Q&A

About Waterfront Mall

Mr. Gordon Fraley, Assistant Project Manager at The Kaempfer Company spoke recently to Carole Early, February Editor of the Southwester concerning plans for the demolition of Waterfront Mall

What is the time schedule for stores to close?

Some of the stores will be closing over the next three months. The bank, CVS, and Safeway will remain open throughout the entire construction. The Safeway will

remain at the present location; CVS and the bank will be in a temporary location.

How can the Safeway stay open (at their present location) during construction?

The construction will be phased in and the existing Safeway site will be part of a later phase.

Why are stores being told to move when demolition is at least 6 months to a year away?

The Mall is very old and in disrepair. Critical mechanical systems are failing and becoming inoperable. In addition, the tenants leases are expiring.

During the demolition & construction, how will people get to the Metro? Where will the Metro be located?

The metro will remain open in its current location throughout the construction process. We will stage the construction so that access to the elevator and escalators will always be available. In the new development the Metro will remain in its current location.

Will the construction of 4th St. & the construction of the mall be at the same time?

Construction of 4th will take place at the same time as the construction of the first phase of new office buildings.

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Help! Space Needed

During the spring of 2005, SWNA & the *Southwester* will have to vacate WM. Where will we go? Any SW businesses, schools, or churches which have space, we are interested. We have two needs 1) an office and a storage area; and 2) a meeting place. The two do not have to be at the same location. Anyone knowing of such places, please call Marge Maceda, SWNA president at 202-554-1729.

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Art at Westminster Church

By Carole Early

Since Christmas, there has been an Art Exhibit in the sanctuary of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Four Southwest photographers, Hank Ferrand, Harlee Little, Bruce McNeil and Michael Platt, as well as, the painter Mark Clark are the artists. All of the photos depict Southwest residents. The exhibition is visible during Jazz Nights and Sunday Services.

Mark has a gallery 8 1/2 N St., SW and he is also a staff member of the Southwester.



ANC6D Elects New Officers

by Hugh Muir

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission for the 6th District met January 10 and elected new officers for the coming year. It also 1) deferred action on a proposal to hire a \$20,000 consultant on development of the Waterfront, 2) delayed approving a proposed design layout for new buildings at L'Enfant Plaza, and 3) called on residents to express concerns to the ANC6D concerning the H2O restaurant and club on Water Street.

The Commission also heard an update on the new King/Greenleaf Recreation Center from its manager, Marcus Ellis. The opening has been advanced to February 24 (from March 4). Programs will be offered to all city residents, ranging from youths to seniors, and include arts and crafts, fitness and games rooms and a large gymnasium.

Elected as the ANC6D officers for 2005 were: Chair, Andy Litsky (488-8070, alitsky@aol.com), who defeated Commissioner Williams (488-0889, mrlaw1121@aol.com), by a 4 to 3 vote; Vice Chair, Roger Moffatt (488-0288, rlmoff@erols.com), elected unanimously; Secretary: David Sobelsohn (484-9303, anc6d@capaccess.org), elected unanimously; and Treasurer: Max Skolnik (554-6070, max@eqop.org), who defeated sitting Treasurer Bob Siegel (488-1663, legeis@bellatlantic.net), 4 to 3.

Retiring Chair Ahmed Assalaam (479-4107), limited to his two consecutive terms under the bylaws, said in his final report that he felt the Commission had

dealt well with a number of challenges. "However," he said, "there is a great deal of work yet to be done."

Commissioner Williams's proposal that the ANC5D hire a project consultant to advise and represent the Commission on the development of the Waterside Mall was deferred to the February meeting because the candidate for the job was unavoidably absent. The consultant would be paid \$250 an hour, up to a limit of 80 hours, and would prepare a package representing the neighborhood's needs for presentation to the March or April Zoning Hearing for the Waterfront Mall PUD.

A privately financed plan to build three new buildings in and adjacent to L'Enfant Plaza, including a new home for the Children's Museum and a 750-unit rental apartment building, was outlined to the Commission. The developers will seek concept approval from the Commission on Fine Arts in late February. The ANC6D voted to defer its position on the plan — which would fill in much of the actual plaza in the L'Enfant complex — until its early February meeting.

Concerning the H2O liquor license issue, Commissioners Skolnik and Litsky expressed their concerns about traffic, noise, alleged under-age drinking and street congestion in the area of the restaurant. They asked that residents e-mail their complaints to the commissioners, which could become part of a report the ANC6D plans to submit to city officials.

Their telephone number is 202-554-1795

NARFE Celebrates At H2O

The annual holiday party of the S.W. chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will be held at H2O Restaurant and Lounge on Thurs., Jan. 27, at noon.

Southwest Community Calendar

(Jan. 21 – Feb. 28, 2005)

MONTHLY

FRI. JAN. 21 Presidential Inauguration Day; School holiday

MON. JAN. 24 SWNA Public meeting. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 7:30 pm

WED. JAN. 26 Arena Stage \$10 Southwest Night, Intimations for Saxophone, 7:30 pm

THURS. JAN. 27 NARFE Holiday party at H2O Restaurant, 800 Water St. S.W. noon

FRI. JAN. 28 Arena Stage \$10 Night "Intimations for Saxophone" 7:30

SAT. JAN. 29, Safesitters Class at River Park — South Common Room — 1301 Delaware Avenue, SW. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, For info and registration, please call Thelma Jones at (202) 488-3746.

TUES., FEBRUARY 1 Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), of the Metropolitan Police, First District, 415 4th Street, SW., 7 pm

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon

COLLECTOR'S CLUB STAMPS - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye St. S.W.), 7 pm (202-291-62290)

S.W. KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

S.W. CITIZENS PATROL with Officer Kenny Daniels - 4th & M St. S.W., Safeway parking lot, every Tues. At 7 pm

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

THURSDAY JAN 27 2005, Police Service Area (PSA) 104, Monthly Community meeting, at the Greenleaf Senior Citizens building, 2001 Delaware Avenue, SW., 7:00

EVERY TUES, 7 pm, SW Citizens Patrol with Officer Kenny Daniels - meet at 4th & M St, SW, next to Waterfront Front, Metro elevator.

FIRST AND THIRD, Monday from 6:30 to 7:30, SW Waterfront Kiwanis Club meet at Christ United Methodist Church, at 900 4th Street, SW, enter at the side entrance on I (Eye) Street, SW.

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S.W. ANC Seeks Part-time Office Assistant

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D, which represents Southwest and the adjacent Southeast neighborhoods, is accepting applications for the part-time position of administrative assistant.

The assistant's primary duties include maintaining the Commission's office, receiving phone calls, interacting with the public and city agencies, preparing the Commission's monthly agenda and meeting packets, and recording and preparing the minutes of the monthly Commission meetings. These meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month, but are subject to change due to a holiday or emergency.

In addition, the assistant prepares correspondence for the Commission Chairman's signature and insures that Commission members receive copies of all correspondence prior to the meeting.

The part-time position requires about 10 hours a week and no more than 40 hours per month. Additional hours may be necessary for special assignments or community meetings.

The proposed starting salary is \$12 per hour. Federal and DC income taxes will be withheld from this amount, as required by law. The Commission will provide FICA (Social Security and Medicare taxes) payments, unemployment contributions, and worker's compensation, as required by law. The assistant may also join the District's health care plan at his or her own cost.

Applicants should have excellent writing, verbal, and computer skills. The ideal candidate will work well with the general public, have at least 5 years of professional office experience, and be familiar with city government operations. Some college education preferred but not required. Special consideration will be given to Southwest residents with a history of public service.

Interested candidates should send a resume and a brief cover letter by mail or email to ANC Commissioner Mary C. Williams, 1257 Carrollsburg Place SW, DC, 20024, or HYPERLINK "mailto:mslaw1121@aol.com" mslaw1121@aol.com. The deadline for applying is Feb. 7, 2005.

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Senate Cleaners Will NOT Close in Jan.

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Barracks Row Has Heritage Trail

By Dale MacIver

Eighth St. S.E., home to art galleries, restaurants, shops and Marine Corps Barracks, is the focus of D.C.'s third Heritage Trail of historic markers, similar to the fourth trail newly installed in Southwest. From Pennsylvania Ave. S.E. to the Navy Yard on M St. S.E. Eighth St. S.E., known as Barracks Row, and adjacent streets have sixteen markers with historic photos and stories of the early years in this Capitol Hill neighborhood.



Pictured left, A history marker across Eighth St. S.E. from the Marine Corps Barracks, shows the Marine Corps Band in the early years.

Below, Diagonal parking along Eighth St. S.E. has improved access to art galleries, restaurants and shops on Barracks Row.



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KIDS FRONT...

Andre Wilkinson Bowling Champ

By Dale MacIver

Two brothers duelled it out in the championship round of a holiday bowling tournament for youth during the holidays.

Antonio and Andre Wilkinson, Jefferson Jr. High eighth graders, survived four rounds of preliminary contests with the highest scores among 15 bowlers.



Andre Wilkinson, Bowling Champ

Tutors Needed at Bowen

Tutors are usually at the school Monday through Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Tutor Janet Nussbaum (l.) helps Bowen ES first grader Noel Watkins with reading as site coordinator Betty Newell (r) looks on. "Experience Corp" uses older volunteers (55+) as tutors and mentors at Bowen and six other public schools across the city. All volunteers receive special training and enjoy a structured program with ongoing support. More volunteers are



The Experience Corp at Bowen

always needed. If you are interested, call 202-797-1150

KidSafe After School Program and Adult GED & Job Training



by Carole Early

The KidSafe After-School Program is at 201 L St., SW began Nov. 1st, 2004. The hours are from 3:30 – 6:30 Monday - Friday. It provides the children with a safe, nurturing environment to complete

their homework, to receive reading and math enrichment, and to discover a love for learning. Children receive individual and small-group tutoring in reading and language arts, go on field trips and participate in art activities. In addition, KidSafe works closely with parents, teachers and social workers

In addition to this exciting program, they also offer GED and adult literacy training. This program began Dec. 3rd and is from 9:30 – 2:30, Monday - Friday. People can begin anytime. The instruction is computer-based. It is not teacher-led, but rather taught on the computer. The emphasis is on reading comprehension, language arts and writing. There is a supplemental workbook. There are also Vocational/Success Workshops. Eventually the director hopes to expand this program to evening hours. This is one of four sites. If you are interested in either the After-School Program or the GED/ Employment Training Program, call Julia Bowens the director at 202/547-8260.

Girl Scout Cookies Are Here!

By Carole Early

The 2005 Girl Scout Cookie Sale will run from January 7th through March 26th. The goal is to sell 4.25 million boxes. All proceeds from the annual

cookie sale remain within the local council. Of each \$3.50 box of cookies, troops keep 60 cents; 98 cents covers the cookies, promotions, incentives and other costs associated with the sale; \$1.69 goes to the council for direct services to girls and adults such as organizing new troops, programs, training and financial assistance; and 23 cents goes toward administrative costs.

Kids Skate, Sightsee Over Holidays

The holiday break from school let Southwest youth enjoy the tourist attractions in Washington, D.C. These youngsters took advantage of the Air and Space Museum nearby on Independence Ave. S.W. to ride the Space Simulator and view the variety of exhibits on aviation history and space exploration. Their second visit was to one of downtown Washington's outdoor ice-skating rinks, which are open every day of the week from 11 am (12 on Sun.) to 11 pm. This rink is at 14th and E St. N.W. A larger rink is near 12th St. and Independence Ave. S.W. (Skate rental and two hours of skating cost less than \$10. Hot chocolate, hot dogs, etc. are for sale). The large tree near The White House, and the smaller trees for each state and territory were a special attraction.



SW youths took full advantage of the holiday school break taking in the sites. Pictured above at the Air and Space Museum, Ellipse and some on the skating rink



Local Youth Ready for Basketball Season

Pictured above, Members of the 10 & under basketball team with Coach Hines.

Right, Members of Club #4's 12 and under basketball team are headed for a successful season.



GED Practice Test Scheduled at MLK Library

A full, practice test is given at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St., NW, 3rd floor, Room 300 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 am. A partial test is given on Tues. and Thurs. at 5:30 pm. To register for the entire Test: 1) provide proof that you have taken the "Official GED Practice Test", 2) take your application with \$40.00 cash or money order made payable to UDC Testing Center, and go to the UDC GED Testing Center, Lower Level, 4340 Connecticut Avenue, NW. For a partial "Retest", the fee is \$8.00 per subject, but

you must make an appointment. Call 202/274-7173 or check the web at www.dcadultliteracy.org to get more information about registration and to find out test dates.

On the day of the test, take picture identification with you (DC driver's license or non-driver's card, or DC Human Services I.D. Card. Arrive 15 minutes early for the test.

Call the Literacy Helpline, 202/727-2431, if you need help finding a reading or a GED program. Or, go to www.dclibrary.org/dclearns/learner.

Southwest Chamber Players

By Maurice Boyd

In our own neighborhood, the Southwest Chamber Players play every 4th Thursday at St. Augustine's Church, 6th and Maine Ave., SW. The programs are arranged by veteran musician and resident David Ehrlich, who also usually plays the piano parts. Ehrlich puts in a lot of time seeking out talented and enthusiastic instrumentalists and singers, who are loyal to the program. At the recent Christmas repertoire concert a wonderful flutist journeyed from Paris to be a part of it.

Chamber Music is "classical" music played and, also sung, by groups numbering from 2 to around 10 who perform before a small audience. This kind of music was first heard in the grand salons of royalty. The leaders and composers were in the pay of kings, dukes, and the churches.

There are many regular venues in

D.C., such as the Kennedy Center Terrace Theatre, the Garden Court of the National Gallery of Art, and even the NPS White House Visitor Center.

David Ehrlich carefully selects his program, balancing familiar works, and others which are less-known, but gems nonetheless. These fine musicians seem to be able to play anything placed in front of them.

As a public service to the Southwest community, and to serve as a creative outlet to folks who "have to make music or die!", the monthly concerts are presented year-round at no charge. A free-will collection is taken to defray the costs of music purchase and refreshments. The space is graciously furnished by St. Augustine's Church.

The next concert will be held on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to come and give a listen.

King-Greenleaf Recreation Center Opens Soon

by Jean Macdonald

King-Greenleaf Center which is located at Canal and N Streets is going to open to the public at the end of February. The grand opening will be later in the Spring. The exact date is dependent on the mayor's schedule.

New library hours:

Mon. 1:00-9:00, Tues. 9:30-5:30,
Wed. 1:00-9:00, Thurs. 9:30
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Jazz Night Anniversary

By Dale MacIver

Jazz Pianist Vince Evans performs at the Westminster Jazz Night – 6th Anniversary Concert on January 21, 2005.



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The Baseball Stadium Blues

By Mark Clark

Property and business owners in the area to be occupied by the proposed Washington Nationals baseball stadium expressed shock and dismay concerning the city government's plans to redevelop their near Southeast neighborhood. A mix of low rise residential, industrial, entertainment and auto service businesses, the four square block area bounded by South Capitol, N, First and P Streets, S.E. is slated for redevelopment by Spring of 2008. All of the business owners contacted by the Southwester stated that they have not yet heard any official announcements concerning condemnation of their property, or offers to help relocate in the area.

Patricia Ghiglini, owner of the Washington Sculpture Center at 1338 Half Street SE, stated that she had recently

given Andy Altman, head of the Anacostia Waterfront Development Corporation a tour of her newly renovated art studios and classrooms. "I think he was surprised to see what we have here- these beautiful studios and all this equipment" stated Mrs. Ghiglini. "I don't know if they (the city government) are committed to the arts". The center, which was profiled last year in the Southwester, has attracted American students from as far away as Minnesota, and international artists from Australia.

Eung J. Cheung, owner of Aamco Transmission Service at 1342 South Capitol Street, SE, moved from 140 M Street SE less than three years ago, when that property was redeveloped for high rise offices. He showed this reporter a stack of color photographs that demonstrated his point as he stated "We've made costly improvements to the property that we rent for this shop. Aamco is a franchise, and we can't move out of the boundaries of our franchise. I've invested \$350,000.00. Who's gonna pay?"



Joe Lukaes, of Brake Service Company at 1318 Half Street, SE, standing in the surreal space between Wolf's Head Motor Oil pennants and signed Salvador Dali etchings of melting watches, shook his head and said "I think I'm with the majority who thinks this whole (baseball) idea is a little crazy. I'd rather see private enterprise develop this area."

Robert Siegal, ANC6D commissioner and owner of an adult entertainment complex in the unit block of O Street SE is vociferous in his opposition to the stadium. "This is an illegal stadium deal

because the citizens of Southeast and Southwest were not consulted. ANC6D gave a resounding NO to the proposal." Siegal cited a rift between Ward Six council member Sharon Ambrose and himself and two other Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners who refused to let Ambrose administer their oath of office at a recent swearing in ceremony because of differences of opinion over the stadium deal.

On the other side of South Capitol Street, in nearby Southwest, opinions are sharply divided. While many residents support the stadium and look forward to an increase in property values and services, others are leery of the financing package for the stadium, or worry about traffic, parking and the pressure to redevelop the public housing projects in the area. Many property owners in the neighborhood have already started receiving phone calls and fliers from real estate speculators intent on cashing in on baseball fever.

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Halo Wines

By Carole Early

Halo Wines lives on H Street, SW. She is an actress and director who has performed at the Olney Theater, Hillwood, Theater J, the Arena Stage and has taught Master classes at Catholic University. Currently she is the director of a play, "Cloud Nine" at the Catalyst Theater. The play will be shown at the Capital Hill Arts Workshop, CHAW at 545 - 7th St., SE from Jan. 13 - Feb. 19.

GeorgeLentz of G Street in Capitol Park, SW has created a website to keep residents of this complex informed during all of the construction and changes here in Southwest. The website is www.capitolparkIV.com



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At the December 15 party at Pier 7 Restaurant, Ray Williams, president of the SW chapter of AARP (on right) received recognition from officers of the DC AARP.

The February SWNA General Meeting

The February SWNA General Meeting will be a celebration of Black History Month. Laurence Guyot and Marion Barry (both former members of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, or SNCC) have been invited to talk at the SWNA Meeting. They will discuss the Civil Rights Movement in the '60s and their personal participation with Dr. Martin Luther King.

A new resource guide for K-12 classrooms called "Putting the Movement Back Into Civil Rights Teaching" will be available for \$25.00



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